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The Most Famous Epic of the Embattled Teuton Hosts

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"God reward thee, noble Rudeger!"

They made sorry terms with each

other. The knights of the Rhine were

few when the fighting was done; but

of the knights of Rudeger there was

Palaces and towers rang with the

woe of the Huns. The brave Amelung

knights of Prince Dietrich of Berne

ran to the place, and, weeping, begged

"Come and take him!" answered

"So shall ye serve Rudeger

Folker, waving his terrible red fiddle

Hildebrand of Berne hit Folker so

that shield and helm flew in splinters.

That was the end of the bold fiddler.

Hagen's brother, Dankward, fell

slain. Wolfhart of Berne and young

Giselher killed each other. They gave

There were none left save Prince

Dietrich of Berne and his man Hilde-

brand on one side, and Gunther the

king and his vassal Hagen on the

These two were sorely spent. Die-

trich grappled them and bound them.

"Most high queen," said the prince

of Berne, grieving, "there were never

nobler captives than these. Let the

homeless knights live for my sake."

She sent them to separate dungeons.

Then she went in to Hagen and said,

high and furious: "Tell me where the

Nibelung hoard is, and ye may both

Grim Hagen answered: "I have

Kriemheld went in to her brother

by the hair, she showed it to the knight

gen. "None knoweth of the treasure

now save God and I. Thou shalt neve

Kriemhild drew Balmung, Slegfried's

sword, from the sheath at fettered Ha-

gen's side. She lifted it with both

"I care not what comes of it," cried

old Hildebrand, Dietrich's man. He

Thus it befell because of the high

of the hightide was wee. So at the

This epic of the Teuton race.

rope. The King Etzel of the epic

is the great and terrible warrior,

Grotesque Walrus, as Navigators Will

Testify, Has Strongly Developed

Maternal Instinct.

The walruses or "sea horses" of the

most grotesque of all sea mammals,

Wairuses have a strongly developed

votion and disregard of their own safe-

ty in defending the young. The Es-

kimos at Cape Vancouver, Bering sea,

told me of exciting and dangerous en-

ously. The hunters confess that on

refuge on the ice, will remain patrol-

In Ceylon the largest pearls are

worth \$200 to \$250; in Europe and

swung his blade and slew her.

"Now the secret is safe!" cried Ha-

sworn that none shall have it while

So he bore them to Kriemhild.

win back alive to Burgundy."

my master Gunther lives,"

see it, devil that thou art."

of Trony.

each other a grim death.

not one left.

bow.

for Rudeger's body.

From the Netherlands down the | "I grieve for ye, homeless men!" Rhine valley and from Metz to Hun- cried he to the men of the Rhine. He gary is the scene of that greatest of saw that Hagen had lost his shield fighting exics the rogging and terfighting epics, the roaring and ter-rible Nibelungen-Lied. The men of est thou but win back with it to Burgundy!" the Rhine and the men of Bavaria, Hungary and Austria are depicted answered Hagen. Then Rudeger rushed in the lied as killing each other. at them. He struck Gernot a fatal Battling side by side today, they are blow, but before the Rhine's prince fired for united war by the chants dropped he struck truly with the sharp from this tale, which is the prized sword that Rudeger had given him, so that the loyal knight of Bechlaren possession of all races and classes of died from his own loving gift. the Germanic stock.

Strong and beautiful was Siegfried, the king's son of Xante in the Netherlands. Strong and beautiful, he rode down into Worms to win from King Gunther of the Rhine his sister Kriemhild, who was fair as a dawn that comes from behind dark clouds.

None were so happy as they. But in an evil hour Siegfried told Kriemhild of a trick he had put on Brunhild, Gunther's queen and Kriemhild twitted Brunhild in public with what she had learned.

"Shall this outrage lie upon me?" wept Brunhild, till Gunther, the king, went whispering up and down, and his fierce, loyal vassal, Hagen of Trony, swore that revenge must be.

At fateful Odenheim, in the Odenwald, when Siegfried stooped to drink at a spring, Hagen thrust him through with a spear, so that it entered at the champion's back and came out at his

heart. So died the great warrior, he that had conquered the Land of the Nibelungs and won their mighty heard and brought the Nibelung knights under

his overlordship. Hagen brought the dead man home "It concerneth me little if Kriemhild weep," said dauntless Hagen of Trony.

She kissed Siegfried's beautiful head and swore vengeance. For three days and nights she wept him while he lay unburied, and for many years after, when he had long slept in his coffin of silver and gold in Lorsch on

the Rhine. She could do naught else. "The devil's wife will never forgive me," said Hagen. He worked on Gunand smote off his head. Bearing it ther till the king took from Kriemhild ung's treasure; for he feared

They suck the hoard in the Rhine Locheim and only Hagen and Gun-

ther knew the place. . Kriemhild wept anew and nursed

another need for revenge. There came a day when King Etzel hands and took off his head. of Hungary sent knights to woo her, and she fared into Hun-land to become

the mighty queen of that mightiest king. Sweetly and well she ruled with him till she was assured that the love of all Etzel's knights was hers. Then she spoke to the king and said: "Let last all joy turns to sorrow. This is us bid my kin from the Rhine to a the fall of the Nibelungs. hightlide."

Sixty high warriors and a thousand Nibelung knights, they rode out of Worms. There were Gunther and his which is closely related to the myths two tall brothers, Gernot, the mighty, of Iceland and the Norse sagas, was and Giselher, the blooming. There were Hagen with the sword of Bal- cient Gothic manuscripts till Jomung that Siegfried had won from the hann Jakob Bodmer published a vestry books of the counties in this Nibelungs, and Folker, Gunther's minstrel.

They fought their way through Bavaria till their saddles were gay with blood. They rode into Austria and were met by loyal Rudeger of Bechlaren. King Etzel's markgrave, who King Attila of history. welcomed them and plighted them the faith of a true host. Splendidly he STRANGEST OF SEA MAMMALS on the place—the old barn. led them into Hungary to King Etzel's thousand towers of Gran.

Kriemhild stepped down from the castle and kissed her brother, Gunther. When Hugen saw that, he bound his helm on tighter.

sat drinking with them in all trust and love, Kriemhild's knights fell on Their large, rugged heads, armed with them in the banquet hall. "Drink we two long ivory tusks, and their huge the king's wine!" cried Hagen then, swollen bodies, covered with hairless, and cut off the head of Etzel's child, wrinkled and warty skin, give them a so that it flew into Kriemhild's lap. formidable appearance unlike that of Baimung whirled again, and bit the any other mammal. They are much head of Etzel's brother, helmet and all. larger than most seals, the old males

The Nibelungs, hard pressed, fought | weighing from 2,000 to 3,000 pounds with swords and benches and stools, and the females about two-thirds as Scarce could Etzel and Kriemhild win much. from the tumult. Folker fiddled death tunes with his blade on many a Hun's maternal instinct and show great dehead. Dankwart, Hagen's brother, held the door and gathered red gate-

The Nibelungs threw the dead and hunt them in frall skin-covered kyaks, wounded down the stairs and cried: using ivory-or bone-pointed spears "Enter! Enter! And earn your queen's and sealskin floats. Several hunters pay, oh Huns!"

All the long summer day they fought. counters they had experienced with In the dusk Kriemhild ordered the mother walruses. If the young are atplace to be kindled. All night it tacked, or even approached, the mothburned. Yet in the dawn there were er does not hestiate to charge furi-Nibelungs still left alive,

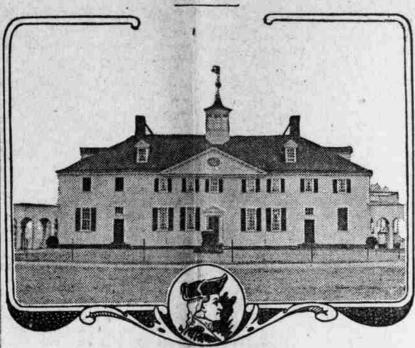
"They have orphaned the land!" such occasions there is no option but cried the Hun knights, all red and to paddle for one's life. Occasionally black with slaughter. King Etzel an old walrus is unusually vindictive sobbed in his beard and called to Ru- and, after forcing a hunter to take deger of Bechlaren to avenge them.

"I brought the strangers into the ing the vicinity for a long time, roarland as guests. O King!" cried the ing and menacing the object of her faithful man. "Take back what thou auger. has given me. I will quit the country empty rather than I will die dishon-

But they implored him. Heavily he America they sell at more than three armed bitaself and called his knights, times this price.

HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON

Mansion Which Is the Shrine of All Americans Was Built for Lawrence Washington, Half-Brother of George-Has Frequently Been Repainted and Additions Made—As It Is Today.



REAR VIEW OF HISTORIC MOUNT VERNON.

HILE George Washington's | half-brother, young Lawrence Washington, was absent from home, the father him, and this now forms the central Lawrence brought to the home his Fairfax of Belvoir, an adjoining es-Vernon in honor of his English friend, Lord Vernon, under whom he had served in the navy.

Shortly after the death of Lawrence Washington, his daughter Sarah died without heirs, and the Mount Vernon estate passed by will into the hands of General Washington. In order to acquire full title, he purchased from the widow of Lawrence her dower



Old Kitchen of Mount Vernon.

rights. Henceforth he was sole owner of the estate; an estate which had pride of two loving women. The end been in the family since its acquisition by grant in 1670, and which remained in the family until sold in 1858 by John Augustine Washington to the Ladies' Mount Vernon association.

These facts, which shed some interesting light on the early history of Mount Vernon, were obtained by Mr. not won from its concealment in an-Callahan after constant study of the old official records of the courts and part of it in German in 1757. Since part of Virginia. They establish bethen it has become a prized posses- youd all doubt the truth which is that sion of the northern races of Eu- the central part of the Mount Vernon mansion was built by General Washington's father, that General Washington lived there for two years when a baby, and that his father built what is now the most conspicuous landmark

Visitors to Mount Vernon during the past few months have had opportunity to witness the interesting work of reroofing Washington's old home, the historic mansion wherein he died. It is learned that this is the fourth time He had need of it. While King Etzel old navigators are the strangest and the roof has been shingled, the other dates being 1742, 1785 and 1860. In each instance the material selected and used was the best cypress shingles.

A short historical review of the con struction and alteration of this old dwelling may be worth notice, as few among the many visitors happen upon information on the subject. The central portion of the present building was erected in 1742-3 for Maj. Lawrence Washington, who named it the Mount Vernon "Villa," out of respect for Admiral Edward Vernon of the British navy, under whom he had been serving in South America. This modest cottage, or villa, consisted of four rooms on the ground floor, with bedrooms and an unfinished attic above.

At the death of Lawrence Washington, 1752, the property fell to the ownership of his half-brother, George, who, in 1775, added to the attractiveness of the interior by paneling the hall and pear among the signers of the immorharing the ceilings of the parlor and dining room decorated in stucco. After the revolution Washington's increased fame attracted to Mount Vernon such a horde of guests it was found a difficult problem to entertain them comfortably in the limited number of rooms at his disposal.

At first General Washington thought of tearing down the old building and ly considered as deeply, perhaps finalerecting a more pretentious dwelling of suitable proportions to meet the re- to the hands of the American people. quirements, but he finally decided to enlarge the cottage.

This he did in 1785, by adding a spacious banquet hall at one end and a library and bedroom at the other. The pitch of the room was changed rebuilt a house at Mount Vernon for and dormer windows arranged to make the attic available for sleeping part of the mansion. On his return, apartments, these improvements resulting in an 18-room house, which thereyoung bride, the beautiful Miss Fair- after was dignified by the term "manfax, daughter of his neighbor, Colonel sion." In changing the roof a large quantity of the original shingles (of tate. Lawrence called the place Mount 1743), though considerably weather Washington's resourcefulness has reuncovering of a portion of the east portico roof, which for the better shedding of rain, had been slightly changed in 1860, revealing a few courses of the shingles of 1743 and 1785. These mute reminders of the past are now tected as to remain intact as long as the mansion shall endure.

When the Mount Vernon Ladies' ashomestead the mansion was empty. Unceasing effort has been and is beof furniture of contemporaneous inter- large. If you stand for these princiest which have been accepted tempo- ples my people will be raised morally. rarily to fill vacancies in the various | This is a work in which I beg you to as rapidly as original Wash-Ington articles are secured the nonoriginal are eliminated.

Until recently the owners have had nothing definite to guide them respect- they're shutting all doors in my face," ing what the rooms formerly contained, but there has now been found lows a horn, and three or four chasers the inventory made by the appraisers of Washington's effects shortly after he died. This important document will be of inestimable assistance in accurately refurnishing the mansion,

Studying Mount Vernon from the viewpoint of a casual visitor, it is and loud; I traveled in state and was difficult to conceive of a more charm-



Outbuildings on Estate.

ing spot. The perpetuation is attributable to the management and devotion of the Ladies' association. The founder of this remarkable body was Miss Ann Pamela Cunningham.

Why Washington Was Not a Signer. At the time the Declaration of Independence was given to the world. Washington was at the head of the putriot army in New York state, trying hard to keep Lord Howe and his British soldlers from capturing the state; and that is why his name does not aptal document. It is pretty certain that

had he been conveniently near he

would have been asked to put his name

Duty Intrusted to Americans.

at the head of the list.

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(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

SENTIMENTS OF KAISER.

"In the next war-the nation which drinks the least alcohol will be the winner." These are the words of the German emperor-quoted from his speech at the dedication of the naval academy at Murvik, November 21, 1910. This speech, stenographically reported, was published with official sanction and attracted world attention. The events of the past few years add enormously to its significance, Addressing the cadets Emperor William "Now I will give you a little warn-

ing, in passing, on a question which lies very much on my heart for my nation. This is the question of alcohol and drink. As you will yourselves, observe in the course of your time on board, the service in my navy has reached a degree of strain which can hardly be surpassed. To be able to endure this enormous pressure in time of peace without wearing out, so that you may be fresh when a serious call comes, is your duty. The next war, the next naval encounter, will require of you sound nerves. These are undetermined by alcohol, endangered, from youth up, by its use. You will later have opportunity to see the marine targets and the action of modern guns on ships, and will be able, therefore, to infer the conditions in battle. You will see horrible devastation and all kinds of pictures. Then the word will be, strong nerves and cool heads. The nation which drinks worn on the exposed surfaces, were the least alcohol will be the winner! found good enough to use again by , And that, gentlemen, should be you! turning them over. This evidence of And the crews should be given a good example, for that works most powercently come to light by the temporary fully among men. Consequently I expect you in the marine academy, as on beard ship, while in all your comradeship you are not interfered with, yet among yourselves, that you attend to it, and that it be seen to, that the use of alcohol be not considered one again sealed from view and so pro- of your privileges, Already Good Templar lodges of Blue Cross unions have been projected or formed in my navy. Individual officers and some hundreds sociation came into possession of the of men have joined them. I hope you will do all you can to encourage the men to enter. I need only to point to ing made to recover the original the example of the English navy, things, but they are widely scattered where 20,000 men and officers have enand held by people who are reluctant tered (temperance organizations) to to give them up. From time to time, the great profit of the service. It is however, some of the old pieces are of- a question of the future for our navy fered for sale, but as a general rule, and people. If you educate the peohe prices asked are almost prohibi- ple to give up alcohol I shall have tive. The government purchased a sound and sensible subjects. It is a number of Washington relics many great coming question, for when the years ago. Among the present collec- men pass out of the service they will tion at Mount Vernon are many pieces bring these ideas to the country at

JOHN BARLEYCORN'S PLAINT.

participate.

"I seem to be deep in disgrace sighs John Barleycorn, as he swal to chase, "Where once I was welcome as guest, they split up my coat and my vest, and bust me with chairs, and kick me downstairs, and say it is all for the best. Oh, once I was haughty and proud; my diamonds were many close to the great, and looked with disdain on the crowd. I handed down laws and decrees to henchmen who got on their knees, to list to my rede, for favors to plead-and fawners were busy as bees. But now when my visage appears, the people don't greet me with cheers; and cabbage and sticks and tomcats and bricks are spoiling my hat and my ears. The people," John Barleycorn said, "are cutting out vintages red; I do not see why they go back on old rye, unless they've been counting their dead."--Walt Mason.

FARMER'S STORY.

"I am a farmer and I raise rye. One day I took a bushel of rye down to the distiller and sold it to him for 50 cents. The distiller got out of that bushel of rye three and a half gallons of proof whisky-although I hear now that he can get four gallons out of a bushel-which he sold to the saloonkeeper.

"I then started in with that saloon-"I then started in with that saloon-keeper to drink up my bushel of rye at 10 cents a drink, eight drinks to to 48 hours to New York markets. Conthe pint, or 80 cents for a pint, or \$6.40 for a gallon. The three and a half gallons of proof whisky which my 50-cent rye made had cost me \$22.40. I had to sell enough rye to the distiller to get money to pay the saloonkeeper. When I hauled my 44 4-5 bushels of rye to the distiller to pay for what he had gotten out of one bushel, I said to myself, 'What a fool I was!'

"Is there another farmer as big a fool as I?"

REMEDY FOR ACCIDENTS.

"The drunken chauffeur is a menace to public safety, a danger to life and limb," says Judge Sabath of Chicago, president of the Citizens' Traffic and Safety commission, and he recommends that the courts be given authority to impose prison sentences upon such.

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Needless Preface.

"My singing teacher told me to begin with 'do-"Well, he ought to know that every

thing begins with dough."

Children Who Are Sickly

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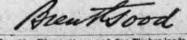
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